Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, In 1883, Swedish settlers looking for a new church home in their area, founded the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Nyham Church—Nyham is Swedish for "New Home"; and,

Whereas, Charter members of the new church were: Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Gustaf A. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. August Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lindstrom, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lindahl, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Sand, Carl Honasson, Gustaf Sandstrom, J. P. Carlson, Carl Tornquist, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. John Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Sven G. Stand, Nels Rosenquist, and Hultin Rosenquist; and,

Whereas, In 1885, P. E. Anderson donated five acres of land for a church site and cemetery with construction of the church beginning that same year, and the cemetery exists yet today; and,

Whereas, Many descendants of the charter members are active in today's church with a current membership of over 170 individuals; and,

Whereas, In 1958, the congregation built a new church building on the corner of Minnesota Street and McCabe Avenue at Mitchell, South Dakota, followed by a Fellowship Hall building project in 2006, with plans for a dedication of the hall at the time of the 125th Anniversary celebration; and,

Whereas, On September 14, 2008, the New Home Lutheran Church will celebrate 125 years of serving the Mitchell community and surrounding area through its service to God:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 14, 2008, as

NEW HOME LUTHERAN CHURCH 125TH ANNIVERSARY DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State